

## **UK unveils further emissions reductions measures**

A national renewable energy blueprint designed to reduce carbon emissions, reduce the United Kingdom's dependency on oil and gas and claim a valuable share of global green business opportunity has been set out by Business Secretary John Hutton. Hutton outlined proposals to enable the UK to meet its proposed 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020, an increase of 1000 per cent on current levels. He says this is likely to include up to a third of electricity coming from renewables as well as significant increases in the use of renewable forms of heat and transport fuels. "We are opening a new chapter in Britain's history as a nation of enterprise and innovation, moving from the old, carbon intensive economy of the industrial revolution to the new low carbon technologies of the 21st century," says Hutton. "This vast expansion of renewable energy marks an important moment in this journey and, alongside our plans for new nuclear and clean coal, will play a crucial role in tackling climate change and reducing our dependency on oil and gas," he says. "We must make the most rapid progress possible to becoming a cleaner, greener economy and we will strive to make these changes in the most effective way possible, with the least cost to consumers," adds Hutton.

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